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RULES OF THE MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION

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I. NAME OBJECTS AND COMPOSITION OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Association shall be called "The Mathematical Association".
2. The objects of the Association shall be to effect improvements in the teaching of elementary mathematics and its applications, to provide means of inter-communication between mathematical students and teachers for this purpose, and to take such measures as may appear expedient to advance the views of the Association on any question affecting the study and teaching of elementary mathematics and its applications.
3. The Association shall consist of three classes of Members, namely, Honorary Members, Ordinary Members, and Junior Members, and one class of Associates.
4. Anyone wishing to join the Association shall complete a form of application which shall be sent to one of the Secretaries together with the first subscription.

The form of application for Junior Membership shall contain a statement to be signed by a lecturer or administrative officer of the Institution attended by the applicant, certifying that the latter is eligible under the appropriate Rule (Rule 7 (i) or 7 (ii)).

II. MEMBERS

5. Honorary Members shall be distinguished mathematicians or mathematical teachers. They shall be nominated by the Council,

and elected at a General Meeting. They shall have all the privileges of Ordinary Members, but shall not be required to pay any subscription.

6. (i) The annual subscription payable to the Association by an Ordinary Member shall be fifteen shillings, and shall be due in advance on the 1st of January in each year. An Ordinary Member shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Association and shall receive one copy of each issue of *The Mathematical Gazette* and of any other new publication issued during his period of membership.

(ii) A new Member, joining not earlier than the 1st of September in any year, may pay a single subscription of fifteen shillings to cover the period from the date of application for membership to the 31st of December in the year following.

7. (i) A student in attendance at a full-time course at a University, University College, Technical College or Training College, may join the Association as a Junior Member for two years at an annual subscription of five shillings, provided that his membership dates from the 1st of January in the year in which his course is completed or in some earlier year.

(ii) Anyone who having taken a full-time course, as specified in Section (i) of this Rule, applies before the end of the calendar year in which his course was completed, may join as a Junior Member for the following calendar year on the payment of a subscription of five shillings, or for the period from the 1st of July in the first year to the 31st of December in the second year on payment of a single subscription of seven shillings and sixpence.

(iii) A Junior Member shall be entitled to attend and vote at all meetings of the Association and shall receive one copy of each issue of *The Mathematical Gazette* and of any other new publication issued during his period of membership.

8. An Ordinary Member shall be allowed to make a life composition of ten guineas in lieu of the annual subscription. In no case shall annual subscriptions for previous years or subscriptions for junior membership be reckoned as part of such life composition. After continuous ordinary membership for fourteen years, the payment for life composition shall be reduced to five guineas.

9. (i) An Ordinary Member, who has not made a life composition, or a Junior Member, shall be liable for his annual subscription until he shall have given written notice of his resignation to one of the Secretaries.

(ii) A Member whose subscription is in arrear for one year shall not have power to vote on any question and shall not be entitled to receive *The Mathematical Gazette* or any other publication of the Association.

(iii) The name of an Ordinary Member whose subscription is in arrear for two years shall be removed from the list of Members. A person whose name has been removed from the list of Members on account of non-payment of subscription may rejoin the Association on payment of one year's arrears in addition to the subscription for the current year.

III. BRANCHES AND ASSOCIATES

10. With the approval of the Council, Local Branches of the Association may be formed, and existing Societies may be recognised as Local Branches of the Association.

11. With the approval of the Council, an existing Society of a University or College may be recognised as a Junior Branch.

12. The members of a Local or Junior Branch, not being Ordinary or Junior Members of the Association, shall be the Associates of the Association. An Associate shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Association, but shall not be entitled to receive any of the publications of the Association, to vote on any matter of business, or to use the Library.

13. Each Local Branch shall pay to the Association an annual subscription of fifteen shillings, and, in return, shall receive one copy of each issue of *The Mathematical Gazette* and of any other publication issued during the year, but any Local Branch may pay more than one such subscription of fifteen shillings, and shall receive in return a corresponding number of copies of each issue of *The Mathematical Gazette* and of each other publication.

14. Each Junior Branch shall pay to the Association an annual subscription of five shillings, and, in return, shall receive one copy of each issue of *The Mathematical Gazette* and of any other publication issued during the year.

15. The Secretary of each Local or Junior Branch shall furnish annually to the Secretaries of the Association a statement of the numbers of Ordinary Members, Junior Members and Associates attached to that Branch and two copies of the Annual Report or Record of Proceedings of the Branch and of any printed matter circulated to members of the Branch.

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16. Each Branch shall determine for itself the annual subscription to be paid to that Branch by each Associate belonging to it.

17. The Association shall pay to each Local Branch the sum of one shilling and sixpence annually on behalf of each Ordinary Member of the Association who is attached to that Branch, and a Branch shall not be entitled to any subscription from any such Member of the Association beyond the amount by which the annual subscription paid to the Branch by each Associate shall exceed the sum of one shilling and sixpence. In any year, this payment of one shilling and sixpence shall not be made to more than one Branch in respect of any one Member of the Association, and shall not be paid in respect of any Member who is in arrear with his subscription to the Association or to the Branch.

IV. OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

18. (i) The Officers of the Association shall be the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Secretaries, the Honorary Librarian and the Editor of *The Mathematical Gazette*.

(ii) The business of the Association shall be conducted by a Council, consisting of the Officers of the Association, the Chairman and the Secretary of the Teaching Committee, representatives of Local Branches, and members without office, *i.e.* members not falling under any of the foregoing heads.

19. The President shall be elected by the Council to hold office from the conclusion of one Annual General Meeting until the conclusion of the next. His election shall be announced in the Report presented by the Council at the first of these meetings.

20. Vice-Presidents shall be nominated solely by the Council for election at the Annual General Meeting to hold office from the conclusion of that Annual General Meeting until the conclusion of the next. The number of Vice-Presidents shall not exceed twelve.

21. (i) The Treasurer, the Secretaries, the Librarian, the Editor of *The Mathematical Gazette* and the members of the Council without office shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting to serve from the conclusion of that meeting until the conclusion of the next.

(ii) Suggestions for the office of President, nominations for the office of Treasurer, Secretary, Librarian or Editor of *The Mathematical Gazette* or for membership of the Council without office may be made by any member of the Association or by the Council.

Suggestions and nominations by a member of the Association must reach one of the Secretaries not later than the 21st of October preceding the date of election. The Council shall make nominations in respect of every vacancy to which no other nomination has been received, and may make nominations in addition to those received (See Rule 36).

(iii) The number of Officers, other than the President and the Vice-Presidents, and of members of the Council without office shall not together exceed fourteen.

(iv) Of the members of the Council without office elected at any Annual General Meeting at least two shall not have been members of the Council during any part of the preceding twelve months.

22 Vacancies arising during the course of a year among the Officers or the members of the Council without office may be filled by the Council.

23. (i) The President shall take the Chair at all meetings of the Association or of the Council when present. In the absence of the President any Member may be voted into the Chair.

(ii) The President shall retire after holding office for one year and shall not be eligible for re-election as President for the ensuing year.

24. The Treasurer shall receive subscriptions and shall defray the current expenses of the Association. His accounts shall be annually examined by an Auditor appointed at the Annual General Meeting and shall be published.

The Treasurer shall keep a register of the names of Members of the Association.

25. (i) There shall be two Secretaries of whom one shall be a man and one a woman.

(ii) The Secretaries shall record the minutes of the Council and of the General Meetings and shall conduct the general correspondence of the Association.

26. Subject to the control of the Council, the Librarian shall have power to lay down regulations for the use of the Library and to vary them from time to time.

27. *The Mathematical Gazette* shall be the official organ of the Association and its management shall, subject to the control of the Council, be in the hands of an Editor, with or without the co-operation of Assistants.

28. There shall be a Teaching Committee constituted as the Council shall from time to time determine.

29. Any Local Branch in the United Kingdom which includes in its membership not fewer than twenty-five Members of the Association who are not in arrear with their subscriptions either to the Association or to the Branch for the current year, shall be entitled to appoint one of these Members to represent the Branch on the Council. Any such appointment, or change of such appointment, shall be notified to one of the Secretaries.

30. (i) At a meeting of the Council, seven shall be the quorum.

(ii) Questions shall be determined in the Council by open vote unless a ballot be directed by the Chairman or demanded by a member.

V. PROPERTY AND FUNDS

31. Two or more Members shall be appointed by the Council to act as Trustees. Any Trustee may resign on giving one month's notice, or may be removed by the vote of a General Meeting on the recommendation of the Council. Any vacancy in the office of Trustee shall be filled by the Council.

32. (i) The property of the Association, other than cash in the hands of the Treasurer, shall be vested in the names of the Trustees, but shall only be dealt with, or disposed of, by them according to the order and direction of the Council or of a General Meeting.

All the moneys of the Association, in excess of such balance as the Council shall from time to time authorise or require the Treasurer to keep in hand to meet the current expenses of the Association, shall be paid over to the Trustees to be invested.

(ii) No motion to dispose of property of the Association other than cash in the hands of the Treasurer shall be entertained at a meeting of the Council, unless notice has been given in the summons to the meeting.

(iii) No motion involving expenditure or dealing with the property of the Association shall be entertained at a General Meeting unless notice has been given to the Council at least four weeks before the date of the meeting and unless the terms of the motion have been set forth in the circular calling the meeting. Such motion shall require to be supported by the votes of three-fourths of the Members present and voting.

33. (i) The receipt in writing of the Treasurer or of the Trustees for any moneys payable to them on account of the Association, or which shall in any manner become payable to, or for the purposes of, the Association, shall be an effective and complete discharge for any such moneys.

(ii) Each member of the Council and each Trustee shall be accountable in respect of his own acts only, and shall not be accountable for any acts done or authorised to which he shall not expressly assent. And no member of the Council or Trustee shall incur any personal liability in respect of any loss or damage incurred through any act, matter, or thing done, or authorised, or suffered by him, being in good faith for the benefit of the Association, although in excess of his legal power.

VI. GENERAL MEETINGS

34. The time and place of every General Meeting of the Association shall be announced by circular addressed to all Members not less than two weeks before the date of the meeting. Notice of the principal business to be transacted at the meeting shall be sent to all Members with the circular announcing the meeting. Copies of the circular shall be sent to Secretaries of Branches, if desired, for transmission to Associates.

35. Resolutions submitted to a General Meeting, other than motions for election, shall be determined by open vote unless a ballot be demanded ; motions for election in which the number of nominations is equal to the number of vacancies that must be filled shall be declared carried unopposed ; contested elections shall be determined by ballot. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

Any motion may be carried by a simple majority of votes with the exception of a motion involving expenditure or dealing with property or a motion for altering, annulling or adding to the Rules.

36. (i) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in January on such day or days as the Council may appoint.

At the Annual General Meeting, the Council shall present a Report on the proceedings of the Association during the past year, the Treasurer shall report on the financial position of the Association, and the Officers, other than the President, the members of the Council without office, and the Auditor for the ensuing year shall be elected.

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(ii) The names of all Members nominated for election to office or to membership of the Council without office shall be given in the circular calling the meeting.

37. A Special General Meeting may be called by the Council. The Council shall be required to call such a meeting at the written request of twenty-five Honorary or Ordinary Members of the Association, who shall state therein the object for which they wish the meeting to be called. The special business to be transacted shall be stated in the circular calling the meeting and no resolutions relating to any other business, except formal votes of congratulation or condolence, shall be put to the meeting.

VII. ALTERATION OF RULES

38. No motion for altering, annulling, or adding to, the Rules shall be entertained except at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, and such motion shall require to be supported by the votes of three-fourths of the Members present and voting. Notice of such motion shall be given to the Council at least one month before the meeting, and the terms of the motion shall be stated in the circular calling the meeting.

VIII. REGULATIONS MADE BY COUNCIL

39. The Council shall have power to make Regulations as to matters not provided for in these Rules, and to vary such Regulations ; but any action taken by the Council under this Rule shall be notified in their next Annual Report (Rule 36 (i)).

NOTE

Throughout the above Rules, masculine pronouns shall be taken to refer to persons of either sex.

REGULATIONS AS TO COMMITTEES

I. THE TEACHING COMMITTEE

A Teaching Committee shall be appointed every four years, the representation being as follows :—

	Men	Women
Universities	3	2
Training Colleges and University Training Departments	2	2
Technical Colleges and Schools	2	1
Secondary Schools, including Public Schools	8	4
Central and Senior Elementary Schools	—	4
Preparatory and Junior Elementary Schools	—	4

The President, the Secretaries, and the Treasurer of the Association shall be *ex officio* members of the Committee.

When a new Committee is to be appointed, the retiring Committee shall appoint ten of its members to serve on it. The remaining members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Council, ten at least of them being persons who have not served on the retiring Committee.

The Committee shall appoint its own Chairman and Secretary.

The Committee shall hold a meeting each year. At this meeting it shall appoint Sub-Committees to prepare such reports and undertake such other work as may be decided upon.

The Committee shall have power to invite persons who are not members of the Committee to serve on Sub-Committees, provided that no Sub-Committee shall include more than five such persons.

When a Sub-Committee has completed a Report and the Teaching Committee is satisfied that the Report should be published, the Teaching Committee shall recommend it to the Council for publication. A Report so recommended shall be published unless the Council consider publication inexpedient for financial reasons.

The Committee shall also appoint each year a Standing Sub-Committee to act for it between its meetings. This Standing Sub-Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Secretary and four other members of the Teaching Committee.

The Standing Sub-Committee shall prepare the business for the

next meeting of the Teaching Committee and shall fill by co-option any vacancies that may occur in the Teaching Committee or its Sub-Committees.

II. THE BRANCHES COMMITTEE

A Branches Committee shall be formed consisting of the representatives of the Branches on the Council, together with the Secretaries of those Branches not represented on the Council, and it shall appoint its own chairman and Secretary. Its duties shall be to further the exchange of information among the Branches, to report to the Council any matters of which that body should be cognisant, and in general to encourage and further the activities of the Branches.

The Secretary of the Committee shall in general hold office until his successor is appointed, even if he should cease to represent his Branch on the Committee. If he should be unable to continue to serve, he shall at once inform the Chairman of the Committee, who shall select a member of it to act as Secretary *pro tem*.

The Secretary of the Committee shall keep the Council informed, through one of the Secretaries of the Association, of any change of Chairman or Secretary.

III. COMMITTEES AND BRANCHES

A Committee shall hold office until its successor is appointed or until an Annual General Meeting of the Association decide that the Committee shall be dissolved.

Any vacancy on a Committee shall be filled by co-option.

The Council shall appoint conveners for the first meeting of each Committee; at this meeting the Committee shall elect its officers.

A Committee or Branch of the Association desiring to make a representation to an examining body or authority shall either state in making such representation that it speaks for that Committee or Branch only, or, if fuller support is desired, shall refer the matter to the Standing Sub-Committee of the Teaching Committee. The representation, if agreed upon, shall be forwarded, as from the Teaching Committee, by the Chairman of that Committee, to the proper body or authority.

REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE LIBRARY

The borrower shall pay expenses, including for a book that is rare or old such registration or insurance as the Librarian shall think fit.

A book which has been on loan for one month may be recalled by the Librarian at any time and shall be returned forthwith. No book shall be retained for a longer period than three months unless the loan of it has been explicitly renewed.

The borrower shall accept liability for any damage which a book may sustain while absent from the Library.

No borrower shall hold more than three books at any one time, a work issued in a number of volumes being counted as one book for the purposes of this rule, but individual volumes of a periodical or of collected works being reckoned as separate books.

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